

Claims:

1. A method of producing nanocapsules having a diameter of from 50 nm to 10 μ m, characterized in that liposomes are produced which are coated with a polymer P1 by binding the polymer P1 to the liposome surface in an aqueous solution, and the coated polymer P1 then is covalently crosslinked in an aqueous solution with a polymer P2 which is different from polymer P1, and additional polymer layers are optionally coated by crosslinking.
2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the liposomes are dissolved subsequent to crosslinking the polymers, preferably by leaching with a detergent.
3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that liposomes are used as starting material which carry biologically active compounds or compounds of a detection system, which compounds remain in the nanocapsules when performing the method.
4. The method according to any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that those polymers are used as water-soluble polymers P1 and P2 which have amino, carboxyl, thiol, hydrazo, hydroxy, acidic hydrogen, aldehyde and/or active ester groups or combinations of these groups as functional groups, and which do not themselves undergo formation of micellar or vesicular structures.

5. The method according to any of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that auxiliary agents are used to crosslink polymer P1 with the liposomes or polymer P1 with polymer P2.
6. The method according to claim 5, characterized in that isothiocyanates, isocyanates, acylazides, N-hydroxysuccinimide esters, sulfonyl chlorides, aldehydes, epoxides, carbonates, imidoesters, carbodiimides, anhydrides, haloacetyls, alkyl halides, maleimides, aziridines, pyridyldisulfides, diazoalkanes, diazoacetyls, carbonyldiimidazoles, N-hydroxysuccinimidylchloroformates, or compounds containing these functional groups in suitable combinations are used as auxiliary agents.
7. The method according to any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the water-soluble polymers P1 or P2 have chelating or chelate-binding properties.
8. The method according to any of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the polymers P1 and/or P2 are proteins.
9. The method according to any of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the polymers P1 and/or P2 are carbohydrates.
10. The method according to any of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the water-soluble polymers P1 and/or P2 are synthetic polymers.
11. The method according to any of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that

